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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MAY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED APRIL 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MAY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,898.5	1,699.0	199.5	10.5	1,889.3	1,686.7	202.6	10.7	1,981.7	1,733.7	248.0	12.5
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.7	54.0	5.7	9.6	59.9	54.0	5.9	9.8	62.0	55.5	6.5	10.4
Baton Rouge 2/	259.0	236.4	22.6	8.7	258.9	236.1	22.8	8.8	267.6	240.4	27.2	10.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.9	61.9	8.0	11.4	69.1	60.9	8.2	11.9	75.3	62.3	13.0	17.3
Lafayette 4/	96.1	87.0	9.1	9.5	96.1	86.6	9.5	9.9	101.8	87.8	14.0	13.8
Lake Charles 5/	74.0	65.3	8.7	11.8	73.6	65.2	8.4	11.4	78.0	67.4	10.6	13.5
Monroe 6/	67.3	60.6	6.7	10.0	67.2	60.2	7.0	10.4	71.7	64.3	7.4	10.3
New Orleans 7/	587.6	532.5	55.1	9.4	586.4	531.6	54.8	9.4	608.6	544.6	64.0	10.5
Shreveport 8/	165.5	148.9	16.6	10.0	163.8	146.7	17.1	10.4	170.6	151.6	19.0	11.1

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,498,400 for May, an increase of 2,100 from the April revised figure and 11,400 above the May figure a year ago. The increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls for May was centered in the retail trade segment. An increase in nondurable goods payrolls resulted in higher employment for the state's manufacturing industries.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 74,200 was 300 less than last month. Less demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products payrolls. The decrease in transportation equipment employment was largely due to less activity in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Total nondurable goods employment for May, at 94,000, was up by 500 over the April revised level and 700 employees above the year-ago figure. Seasonal increases in the canning and packaging of seafood accounted for the higher level of food and kindred products employment.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during May was estimated at 1,330,200, up by 1,900 from the April figure. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Heavy construction and several special trade contractors all experienced employment growth in May, with heavy construction showing the largest increase. Transportation and public utilities payrolls increased by 100. More business for eating and drinking places was instrumental in the higher payroll for trade. Employment losses in real estate and credit agencies other than banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate payrolls. Seasonal hiring in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services contributed to the employment increase for services in May. Government payrolls fell below last month's level due to a reduction in state government employment.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 123,400 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $467.32 in April to $457.80 in May, a decrease of $9.52, and a decrease of $0.48 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were seven cents lower in May than last month, and nine cents lower than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 for the current month, down 0.6 hours from the April revised level of 42.6 hours but up by 0.3 hours from May 1987.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during May amounted to 199,500, a decrease of 3,100 below the April revised level of 202,600. The unemployment rate for May was 10.5 percent, compared to 10.7 percent for the prior month and 12.5 percent for May of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for May was 5.4 percent, compared to 5.3 percent in April and 6.1 percent for May 1987. The state's civilian labor force increased from 1,889,300 in April to 1,898,500 in May, a gain of 9,200. Total employment, estimated at 1,669,000 in May, was up by 12,300 over last month's revised figure, but was 34,700 below May of last year.

Unemployment in the next few months is expected to increase due to the addition of students into the labor force. Manufacturing payrolls may increase due to seasonal influences. Nonmanufacturing segments such as construction and trade may benefit during the summer months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change from April 1988	Net Change from May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,498.4	1,496.3	1,487.0	+ 2.1	+11.4
MINING	54.7	54.8	53.7	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.9	52.0	51.0	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	82.4	82.1	82.5	+ 0.3	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	168.2	168.0	163.1	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Durable Goods	74.2	74.5	69.8	- 0.3	+ 4.4
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.0	12.3	0	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.7	5.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	11.3	11.3	10.5	0	+ 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.1	9.1	7.9	0	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.0	23.2	20.1	- 0.2	+ 2.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.6	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.0	93.5	93.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	19.3	18.8	20.3	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.5	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.1	12.2	11.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.1	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.7	25.6	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.2	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.9	103.8	103.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.5	57.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	22.5	22.6	22.5	- 0.1	0
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.1	40.1	40.2	0	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.1	18.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.1	22.0	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	362.7	361.1	361.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	82.8	82.7	81.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.9	45.8	44.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.9	36.9	37.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	279.9	278.4	279.6	+ 1.5	+ 0.3
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.0	56.7	56.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Food Stores	55.7	55.4	56.2	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.9	30.8	30.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	85.4	84.5	85.5	+ 0.9	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	50.9	51.0	51.0	- 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change from April 1988	Net Change from May 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.7	84.9	85.3	- 0.2	- 0.6
Banking	24.8	24.8	25.5	0	- 0.7
SERVICES	328.6	327.8	320.4	+ 0.8	+ 8.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.5	21.2	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Personal Services	14.8	14.8	14.0	0	+ 0.8
Business Services	58.5	58.1	57.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.8	9.5	9.8	+ 0.3	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.0	7.9	9.5	+ 1.1	- 0.5
Health Services	103.4	103.2	99.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Legal Services	15.3	15.1	14.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Educational Services	24.4	25.8	22.7	- 1.4	+ 1.7
Social Services	19.1	19.0	18.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.8	25.7	25.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	14.6	14.9	14.9	- 0.3	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	313.2	313.8	317.2	- 0.6	- 4.0
Federal	36.2	36.2	36.5	0	- 0.3
State and Local	277.0	277.6	280.7	- 0.6	- 3.7
State	96.8	97.4	98.4	- 0.6	- 1.6
Local	180.2	180.2	182.3	0	- 2.1

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$457.80	$467.32	$458.28	42.0	42.6	41.7	$10.90	$10.97	$10.99
Durable Goods	417.08	421.74	401.23	42.3	42.6	40.9	9.86	9.90	9.81
Lumber & Wood Products	349.25	353.64	346.20	42.8	42.2	42.9	8.16	8.38	8.07
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	361.18	360.77	340.73	43.1	43.0	41.3	8.38	8.39	8.25
Fabricated Metal Products	425.21	422.50	425.74	43.3	43.2	43.8	9.82	9.78	9.72
Machinery, ex. Electrical	389.78	399.89	387.23	43.6	43.8	42.6	8.94	9.13	9.09
Electric & Electronic Equip.	593.83	586.72	490.13	43.0	43.3	37.5	13.81	13.55	13.07
Transportation Equipment	436.31	443.52	434.73	41.2	42.0	39.2	10.59	10.56	11.09
Nondurable Goods	492.89	507.37	507.10	41.7	42.6	42.4	11.82	11.91	11.96
Food & Kindred Products	299.72	304.49	311.15	37.7	38.3	38.7	7.95	7.95	8.04
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.45	205.04	194.22	37.7	37.9	35.9	5.37	5.41	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	599.06	587.38	610.65	43.6	43.9	45.0	13.74	13.38	13.57
Printing & Publishing	387.31	396.24	382.66	38.5	39.0	38.0	10.06	10.16	10.07
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	670.58	689.02	716.72	43.8	44.8	46.3	15.31	15.38	15.48
Petroleum & Coal Products	723.22	773.08	705.18	47.3	50.2	46.0	15.29	15.40	15.33
Petroleum Refining	739.44	793.96	716.58	47.4	50.7	45.7	15.60	15.66	15.68
MINING	527.36	535.44	520.13	46.3	46.0	44.8	11.39	11.64	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	523.38	512.92	495.91	39.5	39.7	39.8	13.25	12.92	12.46
BANKING	265.72	267.44	256.99	36.6	37.3	38.3	7.26	7.17	6.71

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,400 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 05 88				REVISED 04 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,325	19,475	2,850	12.8	22,225	19,300	2,925	13.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,775	8,600	1,175	12.1	9,700	8,500	1,200	12.3
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,750	4,625	1,125	19.3	5,575	4,350	1,225	22.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,350	12,700	2,650	17.2	15,150	12,475	2,675	17.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,075	13,550	1,525	10.1	15,050	13,550	1,500	10.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,325	5,650	675	10.6	6,325	5,600	725	11.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,650	575	13.5	4,225	3,625	600	14.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,650	4,200	450	9.7	4,400	3,875	525	12.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,175	3,375	800	19.0	4,125	3,300	825	19.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,900	7,175	725	9.1	7,800	7,075	725	9.3
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,875	8,350	1,525	15.4	9,725	8,125	1,600	16.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,950	11,425	1,525	11.8	12,875	11,300	1,575	12.3
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,225	3,450	775	18.6	4,325	3,350	975	22.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,575	7,825	750	8.6	8,200	7,425	775	9.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,525	10,850	1,675	13.4	12,350	10,725	1,625	13.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,075	6,925	1,150	14.1	8,000	6,775	1,225	15.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,950	850	12.6	6,825	5,875	950	13.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,250	20,925	3,325	13.7	24,175	20,700	3,475	14.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,125	9,525	1,600	14.4	11,200	9,425	1,775	15.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,300	6,650	650	8.9	7,300	6,650	650	8.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,225	10,525	1,700	13.9	12,150	10,425	1,725	14.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,350	5,700	650	10.1	6,325	5,650	675	10.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,100	17,100	1,000	5.5	17,950	17,000	950	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,925	5,100	825	13.9	5,850	4,975	875	15.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,375	10,550	1,825	14.6	12,300	10,275	2,025	16.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,250	14,600	1,650	10.2	16,000	14,450	1,550	9.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,975	7,950	1,025	11.3	8,975	7,900	1,075	12.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,275	6,025	1,250	17.2	7,175	5,950	1,225	17.2
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,125	3,675	450	10.8	4,125	3,625	500	12.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,925	7,675	1,250	14.0	8,950	7,575	1,375	15.3
MANY (SABINE)	9,950	9,075	875	8.7	9,875	8,950	925	9.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,700	2,375	325	12.3	2,575	2,250	325	12.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,125	6,900	1,225	15.0	8,150	6,900	1,250	15.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,175	27,625	5,550	16.7	32,425	27,350	5,075	15.7
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	22,900	19,575	3,325	14.6	22,500	18,975	3,525	15.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,700	33,475	5,225	13.5	38,150	32,875	5,275	13.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,150	2,775	375	11.6	3,075	2,675	400	12.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,175	7,225	950	11.7	8,175	7,100	1,075	13.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,525	16,700	2,825	14.5	19,300	16,300	3,000	15.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,200	17,550	1,650	8.5	19,275	17,525	1,750	9.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,950	16,025	1,925	10.7	17,725	15,825	1,900	10.7
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,275	16,775	2,500	12.9	19,050	16,500	2,550	13.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,000	3,600	1,400	28.1	4,925	3,500	1,425	29.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,825	350	8.4	4,200	3,800	400	9.2
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,625	5,125	500	9.0	5,550	5,050	500	8.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.5	45.4	0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	10.9	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.3	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.9	5.0	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.6	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.8	9.9	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Local	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 during the month of May. This estimate was the same as last month and 100 more than May of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 during May. This estimate was unchanged since the previous month. Since May of last year, the total employment in manufacturing has not changed, but there were offsetting changes in other durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during May. This total has not changed since the previous month, and is 100 more than May of last year. During the past thirty days, construction and retail trade have increased employment, with declines in services and government. Compared to last May, nonmanufacturing has increased employment in retail trade and services, with government showing a decline.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase with the influx of students and some non-instructional school personnel entering the labor force.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 213,300 during May, was down 500 from the revised April estimate and up 100 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,600, was unchanged from the revised April estimate; however, it was up 300 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods employment was up due to more business in iron and steel foundries and in miscellaneous machinery, except electrical. Nondurable goods were down due to less business in industrial organic chemicals. Construction employment dropped due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Wholesale trade-nondurable goods rose due to more business in groceries and related products. Retail trade rose due to more business in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate increased due to more business in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors and in holding offices. Services employment was down due to less business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts and in personnel supply services. Government employment dropped due to seasonal declines in education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,300 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $533.82, up $1.75 from the revised April average. Average weekly hours, at 42.4, were down 0.2 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.59, were up $0.10 per hour. More overtime by higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 236,400 during May, an increase of 300 over the revised April estimate and down 4,000 from the year-ago estimate. Unemployment, at 22,600, was down 200 during the current period and down 4,600 from May of last year. The local unemployment rate for May was 8.7 percent, down from 8.8 percent for April and down from 10.2 percent for May of last year. The current state rate is 10.5 percent. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 259,000 during May, up 100 from the prior month and down 8,600 from May 1987.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,324 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 1,383 applicants in jobs during May, 1988.

The consumer price index for April, 1988 for all urban consumers was 117.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 115.7 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Seasonal increases in unemployment are expected to continue during the coming months due to entrants and re-entrants into the labor market seeking summer employment.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	52.9	52.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.3	4.2	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	2.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.0	5.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	5.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.8	3.6	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.5	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	10.8	10.6	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.3	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.9	8.8	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	10.5	0	- 0.3
State	2.8	2.9	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Local	7.4	7.3	7.4	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in May moved up to 53,500, a level 600 above April. Several industry divisions in nonmanufacturing showed gains. Since May 1987, total employment exhibited a gain of 1,100.

Manufacturing totaled 4,200 in May. The nondurable goods segment remained at the same level as April. The durable goods segment was down from the previous month due to a lack of business affecting the transportation equipment segment.

Mining added workers as the weather became more favorable for outside activity. Construction held steady. Water transportation pushed up. Employment by eating and drinking places showed a seasonal gain. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained at the same level. Services edged up with an increase in business services. Changes in government were minor.

Estimated unemployment in May was 8,000, down 200 from April. Unemployment presently comprises 11.4 percent of the labor force, compared to 11.9 percent in April and 17.3 percent in May 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits numbered 1,247.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to exhibit a small seasonal overall increase. Much of the development in the oil and gas industry will depend on prices received for oil and gas. Construction will probably add workers. Retail trade will likely show a small seasonal gain. Unemployment is expected to move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.6	82.4	80.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.4	1.5	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	10.3	10.4	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.6	5.5	5.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.6	22.5	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	5.2	5.1	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Retail Trade	17.4	17.4	17.1	0	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.1	10.0	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.5	18.4	17.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	13.0	12.9	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	12.1	12.0	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	5.1	5.1	4.7	0	+ 0.4
Local	7.0	6.9	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,600, an increase of 200 from the April 1988 revised figure.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 from the previous month due to a decrease in food and kindred products employment. Mining also fell by 100 from the April 1988 revised figure. Transportation and public utilities rose by 100 from the previous month, but is down by 100 from the May 1987 figure. Wholesale and retail trade was also up by 100 from April 1988. The increase occurred in the durable goods sector of wholesale trade. Services increased by 100 from the April revised figure and has increased by 900 from the May 1987 figure. Government rose by 100 for May due to an increase in local government.

The unemployment rate for the next thirty days should increase due to the close of the school year; employment for the Lafayette LMA should remain stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.3	58.2	58.7	+ 0.1	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	10.8	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.2	0	+ 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.0	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
MINING	0.9	1.0	0.9	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	4.3	4.4	- 0.4	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.6	3.8	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.5	14.3	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.1	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.9	3.8	- 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.8	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.4	11.0	11.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	9.8	9.9	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.2	9.3	10.0	- 0.1	- 0.8
State	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
Local	5.8	5.9	6.5	- 0.1	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,300, an increase of 100 over the April revised figure.

Manufacturing was unchanged from last month's estimate of 11,100, but showed an increase of 300 over the May 1987 figure. Mining was down 100 over the previous month. Construction showed a decline of 400. More favorably, transportation and public utilities showed a gain of 200, primarily in trucking. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose 100 over the previous month. The largest increase was in services, which showed a gain of 400 due to expansion in business services, hotels and other lodging places, and personal services. Government showed a decline of 100.

Employment should remain stable for the next thirty days, but the unemployment rate should rise due to the end of the spring semester.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.6	53.5	55.4	+ 0.1	- 1.8
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	14.2	14.4	- 0.3	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.1	10.4	10.7	- 0.3	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.1	1.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.2	5.0	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.6	11.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.0	10.6	+ 0.2	- 0.4
State	4.9	4.7	4.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	5.3	5.3	6.1	0	- 0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,600, was up 100 from the mid-April estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Construction, though still depressed, had a minimal gain of 100 workers. Wholesale and retail trade was down 300 to an estimated 13,900. The loss was in retail trade employment. Services was up by 100. Government gained 200 workers. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment should show a gradual increase as outdoor activities get under way for the summer. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.7	512.7	508.7	0	+ 4.0
MANUFACTURING	43.8	43.6	41.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	22.6	22.7	20.2	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.5	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	13.9	14.0	12.0	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.2	10.3	8.4	- 0.1	+ 1.8
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.2	20.9	21.3	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.8	6.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.0	15.0	14.4	0	+ 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.1	13.5	0	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	22.2	22.4	21.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.6	43.6	42.7	0	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	12.8	12.9	12.2	- 0.1	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.9	133.6	133.9	+ 0.3	0
Wholesale Trade	32.0	31.8	31.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.7	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	101.9	101.8	102.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
General Merchandise	13.8	13.9	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food Stores	18.1	18.2	18.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.0	35.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.9	34.0	34.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	135.9	136.0	133.7	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.3	13.2	- 0.2	- 0.1
Health Services	36.4	36.5	35.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	84.4	84.5	86.5	- 0.1	- 2.1
Federal	16.0	16.0	16.0	0	0
State and Local	68.4	68.5	70.5	- 0.1	- 2.1
State	18.7	18.8	19.7	- 0.1	- 1.0
Local	49.7	49.7	50.8	0	- 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$415.53	$429.30	$428.00	40.5	41.2	40.0	$10.26	$10.42	$10.70
Durable Goods	372.13	383.23	383.30	40.1	40.9	38.6	9.28	9.37	9.93
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	269.10	270.86	257.04	30.0	29.0	28.0	8.97	9.34	9.18
Fabricated Metal Products	440.79	451.10	432.28	43.3	44.4	42.8	10.18	10.16	10.10
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	351.35	358.34	374.36	40.2	41.0	37.7	8.74	8.74	9.93
Nondurable Goods	462.58	480.16	469.99	40.9	41.5	41.3	11.31	11.57	11.38
Food & Kindred Products	294.49	305.05	326.23	35.1	36.1	38.2	8.39	8.45	8.54
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	189.50	187.78	152.95	37.9	35.7	29.3	5.00	5.26	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	420.56	420.73	432.90	43.9	46.8	48.1	9.58	8.99	9.00
Printing & Publishing	358.70	368.52	358.49	39.9	40.1	39.7	8.99	9.19	9.03
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	691.20	708.07	751.07	45.0	45.1	47.9	15.36	15.70	15.68

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in May remained at 512,700, the same level as in April. Scattered small gains were offset by scattered minor decreases.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,800, showing an overall gain of 200 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing decreased due to a lack of business. In the nondurable goods segment, food and kindred products, printing and publishing, and chemicals and allied products increased due to more business. Petroleum and coal products experienced a decrease due to a reduction in orders.

Mining showed no overall change, with growth in the oil and gas industry still hampered by uncertainties concerning price increases expected in the coming months. Construction decreased mostly in building construction. In transportation, a small loss in water transportation was offset by a slight increase in motor freight transportation. Wholesale trade gained in nondurable goods. Retail trade showed a small gain, with upturns in employment by eating and drinking places and auto dealers and service stations offsetting small downturns in other industries. Finance tapered off in employment by miscellaneous credit agencies. Services reflected the beginning of summer layoffs by private schools. Government eased down in employment by state government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $415.53 per week in May, down $13.77 from last months average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 42 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.26, down $0.16 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $12.47 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in May increased to 55,100, a level 300 above April. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared with 9.4 percent in April and 10.5 percent in May of last year. The May rate was lower than the state rate of 10.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,588.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Public and private educational services will make further downward adjustments for the summer season. Construction will probably add workers. Changes in mining will be strongly affected by changes in the prices of oil and gas in the near future. Unemployment will probably move up with the increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force during the summer months.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.7	132.2	133.6	+ 1.5	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	17.2	17.2	17.8	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	12.5	12.4	12.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.3	7.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.9	5.8	5.9	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.8	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.3	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.0	2.8	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	7.6	7.2	6.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.3	32.3	32.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.9	7.8	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	24.5	24.4	24.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	33.3	32.2	32.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.3	25.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
State and Local	20.4	20.6	20.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
State	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
Local	14.3	14.5	14.6	- 0.2	- 0.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$483.97	$481.97	$459.73	41.4	41.3	39.7	$11.69	$11.67	$11.58
Lumber and Wood Products	245.75	255.23	269.78	33.3	35.4	41.0	7.38	7.21	6.58
Metals and Machinery	479.52	475.73	479.53	42.1	42.4	39.5	11.39	11.22	12.14
Food and Kindred Products	348.04	334.11	376.85	44.0	42.4	42.2	7.91	7.88	8.93
Printing and Publishing	362.52	351.29	343.34	38.0	35.7	34.3	9.54	9.84	10.01
Petroleum and Coal Products	559.30	606.17	594.66	46.3	46.7	51.0	12.08	12.98	11.65

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 1,500 between April and May for an estimated total of 133,700. The over-the-month change occurred in nonmanufacturing, which increased from 115,000 to 116,500. Total manufacturing employment was unchanged at 17,200 and remains below the year-ago estimate of 17,800.

Durable goods employment rose 100 from the April estimate, resulting from a small increase in machinery manufacturing. This small gain was offset by a loss in nondurable goods employment.

Most of the increase in nonmanufacturing employment occurred in services and reflects the seasonal gain caused by the opening of the 1988 racing season. Additional employment gains occurred in mining and construction industries as business activities increased.

Retail trade showed a small gain, but an equal number was dropped from wholesale trade employment. A reduction of 200 in local government payrolls was caused by budget adjustments.

This labor area had an estimated 13,000 production workers in manufacturing and they averaged $483.97 per week, up from $481.97 last month and $459.73 one year ago. Average weekly hours rose to 41.4, only 0.1 hours more than last month and 1.7 hours above May 1987. Average hourly earnings, at $11.69, moved up slightly from $11.67 last month and from $11.58 one year ago.

The civilian labor force, estimated at 165,500, was comprised of 148,900 employed and 16,600 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 10.0 percent.

Seasonal factors will affect employment in educational services as schools reduce their payrolls for the summer months, while total unemployment will show the addition of new and re-entrants into the labor force.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1988

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,784	1,502	282	44	36	8	21	15	6
Contractural Construction (15-17)	8,808	6,233	2,575	245	198	47	1,223	900	323
Manufacturing (20-29)	5,148	2,759	2,389	88	38	50	190	123	67
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	1,991	1,106	885	43	28	15	129	76	53
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,238	870	368	40	31	9	140	99	41
Retail Trade (52-59)	6,770	4,011	2,759	168	122	46	738	404	334
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,440	1,142	298	49	42	7	204	152	52
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	8,097	4,606	3,491	238	138	100	874	502	372
Public Administration (91-97)	1,420	749	671	85	47	38	144	71	73
All Others	173	100	73	0	0	0	46	20	26
Totals	36,869	23,078	13,791	1,000	680	320	3,709	2,362	1,347
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,755	3,856	899	117	103	14	600	480	120
Clerical and Sales	8,543	6,132	2,411	234	182	52	976	664	312
Services Occupations	4,301	1,376	2,925	161	61	100	385	109	276
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	390	142	248	9	4	5	24	3	21
Processing Occupations	1,197	656	541	7	2	5	70	40	30
Machine Trades	1,735	1,110	625	56	39	17	139	93	46
Benchwork Occupations	1,224	610	614	29	14	15	59	38	21
Structural Work Occupations	8,892	6,004	2,888	263	200	63	1,092	734	358
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,832	3,192	2,640	124	75	49	364	201	163
Totals	36,869	23,078	13,791	1,000	680	320	3,709	2,362	1,347

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Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	136	114	22	233	206	27	55	54	1
Contractural Construction (15-17)	265	237	28	213	162	51	596	504	92
Manufacturing (20-29)	379	299	80	168	102	66	83	52	31
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	89	72	17	69	48	21	175	81	94
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	87	76	11	70	51	19	42	29	13
Retail Trade (52-59)	239	183	56	353	238	115	284	197	87
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	39	34	5	76	64	12	36	30	6
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	224	168	56	331	237	94	274	187	87
Public Administration (91-97)	49	32	17	30	20	10	41	32	9
All Others	17	15	2	5	3	2	1	0	1
Totals	1,524	1,230	294	1,548	1,131	417	1,587	1,166	421
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	165	150	15	283	256	27	160	141	19
Clerical and Sales	268	238	30	462	377	85	343	276	67
Services Occupations	129	67	62	182	70	112	152	69	83
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	13	9	4	3	2	1	5	1	4
Processing Occupations	253	192	61	63	42	21	32	18	14
Machine Trades	59	51	8	53	39	14	58	43	15
Benchwork Occupations	16	14	2	43	20	23	25	23	2
Structural Work Occupations	378	326	52	226	160	66	514	433	81
Miscellaneous Occupations	243	183	60	233	165	68	298	162	136
Totals	1,524	1,230	294	1,548	1,131	417	1,587	1,166	421

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1988

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	22	21	1	156	103	53	167	157	10
Contractural Construction (15-17)	332	257	75	2,228	1,395	833	597	380	217
Manufacturing (20-29)	123	90	33	1,047	518	529	453	212	241
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	29	26	3	889	372	517	149	90	59
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	14	12	2	418	249	169	161	121	40
Retail Trade (52-59)	315	205	110	2,277	1,100	1,177	681	378	303
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	58	48	10	574	426	148	158	127	31
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	288	154	134	3087	1,610	1,477	703	376	327
Public Administration (91-97)	44	26	18	377	170	207	126	60	66
All Others	6	4	2	55	32	23	1	1	0
Totals	1,231	843	388	11,108	5,975	5,133	3,196	1,902	1,294
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	195	179	16	1,827	1,361	466	471	394	77
Clerical and Sales	355	263	92	2,974	1,879	1,095	780	575	205
Services Occupations	150	40	110	1,565	362	1,203	440	98	342
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	1	3	82	36	46	21	5	16
Processing Occupations	10	2	8	240	97	143	41	13	28
Machine Trades	62	41	21	404	283	121	175	109	66
Benchwork Occupations	20	18	2	274	86	188	107	52	55
Structural Work Occupations	276	217	59	2,118	1,239	879	633	396	237
Miscellaneous Occupations	159	82	77	1,624	632	992	528	260	268
Totals	1,231	843	388	11,108	5,975	5,133	3,196	1,902	1,294

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